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President Bush Discusses Medicare

On April 12, President Bush visited Northern Virginia Community College to discuss Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits. Addressing a crowd of Asian Pacific Americans (APA), the President participated in a conversation about Medicare benefits with Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Dr. Mark McClellan, and community members.

President Bush encourages everybody in this country who is eligible for Medicare to examine the program. He is confident that Medicare's benefits will improve the lives of senior citizens. The President hosted this event specifically for the APA community because he is committed to making sure his Administration reaches out to people from all walks of life. At the event, real-time translation into Chinese, Korean, and other Asian languages were provided for attendees who requested it.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit is helping seniors and Americans with disabilities receive the drugs they need as



Audience members greet and hug President George W. Bush after his talk about the Medicare prescription drug benefits at the Richard J. Ernst Community Center at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va., Wednesday, April 12, 2006. President Bush urged senior citizens to participate in the new Medicare program to reduce their drug costs. White House photo by Kimberlee Hewitt.

reduced costs. It helps to pay for prescription drugs and it offers better choices. Seniors can sign up online, over the phone, by fax, or directly with health plans. For

more information, please visit www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/03/20060314-1.html.



The Visit of President Hu Jintao

The United States and China are two nations divided by a vast ocean—yet connected through a global economy that has created opportunity for both our peoples. The United States welcomes the emergence of a China that is peaceful and prosperous, and that supports international institutions.

— President George W. Bush

President Bush welcomed President Hu Jintao of the People's Republic of China to the White House on April 20. In a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House, both Presidents stated their interest in working



President George W. Bush shakes hands with President Hu Jintao of China after both leaders delivered remarks during a South Lawn arrival ceremony, Thursday, April 20, 2006. *White House photo by Eric Draper*



President George W. Bush, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Laura Bush and Hu's wife, Liu Yongqing, wave from the South Portico balcony after the South Lawn Arrival Ceremony at the White House, Thursday, April 20, 2006. *White House photo by Shealah Craighead*

together to advance shared strategic interests such as expanding free and fair trade, maintaining global security, and fighting pandemic diseases. Both Presidents emphasized the need to constructively address any differences between the two countries in a spirit of mutual respect.

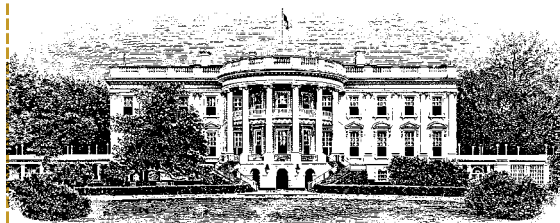
In an Oval Office meeting, President Bush and President Hu had a constructive dialogue about the importance of U.S.-China relations and of viewing and addressing the bilateral relationship from a strategic and long-term perspective. In addition, they discussed the issues of North Korea, Taiwan, intellectual property rights, and military cooperation, among other topics.

President Hu and Madam Liu were also guests of the President and Mrs. Bush at a luncheon hosted in the East Room of the White House. In an exchange of toasts,

President Bush and President Hu reflected on the constructive and candid conversations of the day and looked ahead to continuing relations between the United States and China.

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